Preliminary Amendment

Docket No.: 1185.1050/JDH

Page 20, line 28, change "The above-described first through third embodiments" to

-- The above-described first through fourth embodiments--.

Page 21, line 17-19, delete "It is noted that the second embodiment is out of these two conditions, employing ridges each of which satisfies conditions of "constant cross section" and "vertical projection" are satisfied."

## **REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to improve the form of the claims as originally-filed.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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